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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. ⁷: G10G 1/04, 3/04

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

USPTO, DWPI, INSPEC, internet (IPC: G10G 1/04, 3/04, US: 84/-, music, humming, query by humming, transcribe, score, note, pitch, envelope, attack, decay, estimation, detection, recognition, clustering, etc.)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X Y	US 5,038,658 (TSURUTA et al), 13 August 1991 the whole document (when combined with US 5,874,686, US 6,437,227, WO 01/11496 or Smith et al)	1-9, 19-37, 47, 49-58 22-24, 50-52
X Y	US 5,986,199 (PEEVERS), 16 November 1999 the whole document (in particular, column 4, lines 45-59) (when combined with US 5,874,686, US 6,437,227, WO 01/11496 or Smith et al)	1-9, 19-37, 47, 49-58 22-24, 50-52
X, P	US 6,476,308 B1 (ZHANG), 5 November 2002 the whole document (in particular, column 3, line 26 – column 4, line 38)	1-9, 19-37, 47, 49-58

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Y	US 6,437,227 B1 (THEIMER), 20 August 2002 the whole document (when combined with US 5,038,658 or US 5,986,199)	22-24, 50-52
Y	WO 01/11496 A2 (SIBELIUS SOFTWARE LTD.) 15 February 2001 the whole document (when combined with US 5,038,658 or US 5,986,199)	22-24, 50-52
Y	Smith, L. A. et al, <i>Music Information Retrieval Using Audio Input</i> . In: Proc. AAAI Spring Symposium on Intelligent Integration and Use of Text, Image, Video, and Audio Corpora, 1997 <URL: http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/~ihw/papers/97LAS-RJM-IHW-Music-Info.pdf > the whole document (when combined with US 5,038,658 or US 5,986,199)	22-24, 50-52
A	Li, J. et al; <i>Mandarin Four-Tone Recognition with the Fuzzy C-Means Algorithm</i> . In: Proc. IEEE International Fuzzy Systems Conference, 1999 the whole document (section 3 in particular)	10-18, 38-46, 48

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

See extra sheet.

1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims
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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of Boxes I to VIII is not sufficient)

Continuation of Box No: II

The international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention because it does not relate to a single invention or inventive concept only. In coming to this conclusion, the International Searching Authority has found that there are three invention:

- Claims 1-4, 19-32, 47, 49-58. The detection of pitch values of marked musical notes is considered to be a first "special technical feature."
- Claims 5-9, 33-37. The extraction of note markers from the gradient function of a sound signal's envelope is a second "special technical feature."
- Claims 10-18, 38-46, 48. The detection of pitch values by clustering is a third "special technical feature."

Since these groups of claims do not share any of the special technical features identified above, a "technical relationship" between the inventions, as defined in PCT rule 13.2, does not exist. Hence the claims lack unity.

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Information on patent family members

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		JP 1219625	JP 1219626	JP 1219627	
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		JP 1219637	JP 1219638	JP 1219888	
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US 5986199		NONE			
US 6476308		JP 2003140647			
US 5874686		NONE			
US 6437227		DE 19948974	EP 1093109		
WO 0111496		AU 6456800	US 2003023421		
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